

TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Zoom Call
May 3, 2021
8:30 A.M.

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1. **Call to Order and Establish Quorum** – *Chair Aronoff*
2. **Appoint Recorder** – *Chair Aronoff*
3. **Welcome** – *Chair Aronoff*
4. **Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - 4.1 Regular Board Meeting – February 1, 2021
5. **Public Comment**

Members of the public may address the Commission concerning any matter within its authority. The Chair may limit the length of remarks from each individual.
6. **Chair's Report** – *Chair Aronoff*
 - 6.1 Recognition of Gilbert Tuhobonye's Recent Appearance on the Today Show
 - 6.2 Future Format of Meetings
 - 6.3 THC Update
7. **Executive Director Report** – *Joy Nathan*
 - 7.1 Previous Business
 - 7.1.1 Discussion and possible vote on asking for an Attorney General decision
8. **Friends of Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission** – *Fran Berg, Commissioner*
 - 8.1 Financial Report
 - 8.2 Update on applications received for the Steinberger Award and plans for scoring and presenting the award
 - 8.3 Update on applications received for the Student Contests and plans for scoring and presenting the awards
9. **Committee Reports**
 - 9.1 **Sunset Review Committee** – *Matthew Kornhauser, Commissioner & Joy Nathan, THGC Executive Director*
 - 9.1.1 Update on Sunset Review
 - 9.1.1.1 Legislative Update Merging the THGC with the Antisemitism Commission
 - 9.1.1.2 Timeline for remainder of the Sunset Process
 - 9.2 **Strategic Planning Committee** – *Sandra Lessig, Commissioner & Joy Nathan, THGC Executive Director*

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- 9.2.1 Completed Q1 tactics
- 9.3 **Budget Committee** – *Jeffrey Beck, Commissioner, Joy Nathan, THGC Executive Director, Cheyanne Perkins, THGC Director of Programs, & Christian Acevedo, THGC Director of Outreach & Communications*
 - 9.3.1 Update on current budget
 - 9.3.2 Update on grants
 - 9.3.2.1 El Paso Holocaust Museum & Study Center: “2020 Biennial Educators’ Conference: *Tools for Teaching the Holocaust in Today’s Classroom*” grant amendment and possible vote
 - 9.3.3 Spring 2021 grant cycle award applications and possible vote
 - 9.3.3.1 Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum: “Cinemark Theater Kiosk”
 - 9.3.3.2 El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center: “*Stars Without a Heaven: Children in the Holocaust*” Special Exhibition
 - 9.3.3.3 Holocaust Museum Houston: “2022 Genocide Awareness Month Lecture Series”
 - 9.3.3.4 World Affairs Council of Austin: “*March 15, 1921*” *The Killing of Talaat Pasha and the Armenian Genocide Trail*”
 - 9.3.4 ODLE (Online Digital Library for Educators) updates and possible vote
- 9.4 **Education and Policy Committee** – *David A. Patterson, PhD, Commissioner & J.E. Wolfson, PhD, THGC Director of Education*
 - 9.4.1 USHMM’s Guidelines for Teaching the Holocaust: Guideline 10: “Make Responsible Methodological Choices”
 - 9.4.2 Yom HaShoah
 - 9.4.3 Genocide Awareness Month
 - 9.4.3.1 Presentations and resources
 - 9.4.3.2 Armenian Genocide updates
- 10. **Project Updates** – *Cheyenne Perkins, THGC Director of Programs & Christian Acevedo, THGC Director of Outreach & Communications*
 - 10.1 *Operation Texas*
 - 10.2 *Narrative of Modern Genocide*
 - 10.3 Texas Liberators
 - 10.3.1 Website
 - 10.3.2 Memorials and Commemorations
 - 10.4 Virtual exhibit
 - 10.5 THGC website and outreach
 - 10.5.1 Website maintenance Statements of Work
 - 10.5.2 Texas Library Association 2021 Conference

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11. Adjourn – Chair Aronoff

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